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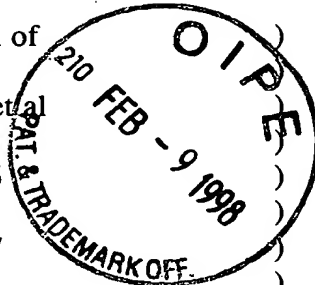
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Sir:

In response to the Communication from the Examiner dated January 8, 1998,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.823(a), please insert the attached paper
copy of the "Sequence/ Listing" between the last page of the Disclosure (page 49) and the
first page of the Claims to replace the Sequence Listing identified thereon.